SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" Does it take so long to construct a road from 'Oldgadi' to the 'Newgadi'? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir. Difficulty arose because the railway authorities found some difficulty and that will have to be solved."

Badagara Public Library

9 a.m. * 897 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to establish a public library and reading room at Badagara, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No. There is already a public library at Badagara.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know how many libraries in Malabar are getting Government aid at present? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Metal Industries, Shoranur

* 898 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have asked the workers of the Metal Industries, Shoranur, through the Deputy Tahsildar, Ottapalam, to vacate their residences as they were inside the Metal Industries' Colony;

(*b*) if so, why;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the workers regarding the same; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" I got a representation from the workers, a copy of which was sent to the Hon. the Chief Minister also. It was stated therein that the Deputy Tahsildar

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of Ottapalam asked them to vacate their residences. Will the Government kindly inquire into the matter and see that the workers are allowed to stay in the Colony?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rather than the workers addressing the M.L.As. and sending a copy of the representation to the Government, I would suggest to the workers to send their own representation direct to the Government."

Kozhikode Harbour

* 899 *Q.*—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government regarding the construction of a harbour at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, when the Government will start the work?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Facilities to tapioca cultivators

* 900 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum in August 1954 from the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad, Malabar, regarding the fixation of minimum price for tapioca, starting of a sago manufacturing industry in Malabar, transport facilities and loans to tapioca cultivators; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) This Government have not received any memorandum direct from the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad, Malabar. But the Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Union Ministry of Food and Agriculture forwarded to this Government a copy of a letter of Sri A. K. Gopalan, dated 10th August 1954, addressed to the Union Minister for Industries and Commerce, wherein he has brought to the notice of the Union Minister certain requests relating to the tapioca cultivators of Walluvanad taluk in Malabar.

(*b*) (i) No request relating to the fixation of minimum price for tapioca has been mentioned in the above representation.

(ii) The conclusions of the Government in regard to the other requests are as follows :—(1) The Government do not consider it necessary to set up a Sago Manufacturing Industry, as the policy of the Government is not to set up any industrial undertakings by themselves but to give assistance to private enterprise to do so.